



# MoWIB

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## Executive Director's WELCOME



**Dear Board Members and Workforce Development Community:**

Please join me in welcoming the most recent MoWIB appointees: Cara Canon, Gary Duncan, Laura Evans, Wayne Feuerborn, Keith Gary, Byron Hill, Reggie Hoskins, Creed Jones, Dennis Kempker, Director David Kerr, Commissioner Chris Nicastro, Jeanette Prenger, Deborah Price, LeRoy Stromberg, Jr. and Joshua Tennison.

Welcome, also, our new designees: Tim Gallimore (Higher Education) and Damion Trasada (Social Services).

The MoWIB staff looks forward to working with each of you in 2010!

*Nia V. Ray*

### Gov. Nixon makes technology education available for thousands of Missourians

**Gov. Jay Nixon announced that thousands of Missourians will have free access to in demand e-learning and certification programs under an innovative public-private partnership between the state of Missouri and Microsoft.**

Missouri is one of the first six states participating in *Microsoft Elevate America* initially launched in February 2009. Through this program, Missouri will receive 24,750 vouchers for e-learning and certification programs to be distributed across the state at no cost to customers. These vouchers will entitle Missourians to access specialized e-learning programs for various Microsoft programs and platforms such as Outlook, Word, Excel, Exchange Server, and more.

"I'm proud that the state of Missouri is teaming up with Microsoft to provide cutting-edge, in-demand training that will help our citizens compete in the 21st-century economy," said Gov. Nixon.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development's Division of Workforce Development will administer the program, and vouchers are currently available.



*Gov. Nixon assists Bernice Taylor in looking for a job in the health care field while touring the St. Louis Central Career Center.*

To obtain a voucher, Missourians should visit the state's Web portal, [www.mo.gov](http://www.mo.gov), and click on the "Elevate America" tab. Missourians must claim their vouchers by Jan. 31, 2010.

Visit [www.mo.gov](http://www.mo.gov) or call 1-888-728-JOBS to learn more about *Elevate America* and other career assistance and training services available through Missouri's workforce system.

### Gov. Nixon thanks Next-Gen Businesses and Youth

**Capping off the highly successful Next Generation Jobs Team** summer youth program that greatly exceeded planned enrollments and received national attention, Gov. Nixon sent out thank you letters to the 2,100+ businesses who provided the program's work experiences and internships, and the 8,000+ youth who signed up to work in them. Citing the "extraordinary investment" from the businesses that will have "limitless results," Gov. Nixon noted that the youth will have a much greater chance of finding successful employment because of their contribution.



## Missouri Departmental /Division Updates:

### Department of Economic Development (DED)

- ∞ [Gov. Nixon Selects David Kerr as Head of Missouri Department of Economic Development](#)
- ∞ [St. Louis, K.C. Rank Among Nation's 40 "Recession Proof" Retirement Cities](#)
- ∞ [DED Announces Five Missouri Communities Selected for 2009 DREAM Initiative](#)
- ∞ [DED September 2009 State Jobs Report](#)
- ∞ [DED October 2009 State Jobs Report](#)
- ∞ [Governor's Conference Handout Materials Now Available](#)

### Department of Corrections (DOC)

- ∞ [Offender Finance Awarded Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity](#)

### Department of Social Services (DSS)

- ∞ [Missouri Food Stamp Program Among the Best in the Nation](#)

### Department of Workforce Development (DWD)

- ∞ [DED/DWD Report Tracks High Demand, Achievement in Job Training Services for Missourians, 2009 Annual Report](#)
- ∞ [U.S. DOL: NGJT Top 10 in Nation](#)
- ∞ [Missouri Division of Workforce Development program receives National Youth Award](#)
- ∞ **Award notification of *Green Jobs* grant to MERIC.** This award was made under two competitive solicitations for State Labor Market Information (LMI) Improvement grants and Green Capacity Building grants. [Read more...](#)

### Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC)

- ∞ [Missouri LocationOne \(ML1\), a real-time, online, economic development site selection engine, is now available on the MERIC website.](#)
- ∞ [MO Middle-Skill Occupations Report, August 2009](#)
- ∞ **The *State Workforce Information Core Products and Services Grant*** was approved by U.S. Department of Labor on October 2, 2009.

### Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

- ∞ [Missouri Will Enter First Round of "Race to the Top."](#) Commissioner of Education Chris L. Nicastro announced preparations for Missouri to submit a proposal in January for the first round of the federal *Race to the Top* initiative. The \$4.35 billion *Race to the Top* fund is the federal government's largest-ever competitive investment in school reform. [Read more...](#)

### Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DOLIR)

- ∞ [Division of Labor Standards Vows Stricter Enforcement Labor Laws](#)
- ∞ [Labor Quick Stats for October 2009](#)
- ∞ [Labor Quick Stats for November, 2009](#)



## LWIBs



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- **More than 100 homeless and foster children** from the Kansas City Missouri School District received refurbished computers from the work done by the summer youth participants, employed by the *Next Generation Jobs Team* Summer Youth Program.
- **Twenty people have obtained weatherization jobs** through the Kansas City Full Employment Council after receiving training through the agency. The stimulus program creates home weatherization jobs as part of the Green Zone effort to rebuild a 150 block area in the Kansas City core.



- **The third annual My Success event** was held October 7 and 8, 2009 in St. Joseph, MO. Over 2,100 10<sup>th</sup> grade students from 33 regional high schools arrived to learn about available education and career opportunities. Twelve colleges, universities and technical schools provided students information about post-secondary degree and certificate programs related to their career interests.



[website](#)

- **The Ozark Region held an All-Staff training** featuring Roberta Meyers-Peebles from H.I.R.E who presented on "Through Practice and Advocacy: Meeting the Employment Needs of People with Criminal Records."
- **The Ozark Region Next Generation Jobs Team (NGJT)** has partnered with a local university, Evangel, to put 50—70 youth to work in various departments across campus, as well as in private sector businesses within the community. The program was extended through December 31, 2009.



- **The South Central Workforce Investment Board (WIB)** just launched its revamped Web site, providing a variety of new technological features for local job seekers, employers, and other workforce system stakeholders. [Click here](#) to visit the new site.



**www.workforcezone.net**

- [National Report Cites Southwest WIB Strategy](#)
- [Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative Underway](#)
- [Regional recovery and economic transformation presented to regional HR/Payroll conference.](#)



**www.stlworks.com**

- [Dislocated Worker Success Story: Bridgett Harris](#)
- **New office location:** 1520 Market Street, Room 3050, St. Louis, MO 63103-2634. [Click here](#) for directions.



- **The St. Louis County WIB's workshop entitled Missouri, St. Louis County's Next Generation Jobs Team** has been selected by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) to be part of the 2009 Youth Symposium in Chicago, IL on December 7-9.

### Missouri Workforce Investment Board 2010 Meeting Schedule

[www.mowib.ded.mo.gov](http://www.mowib.ded.mo.gov)

**Executive Committee Meetings:** January 14<sup>th</sup>; April 13<sup>th</sup>; July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Full Board Meetings:** February 4<sup>th</sup>; April 23<sup>rd</sup>; July 29<sup>th</sup>; September 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>\*

(\*this meeting will coincide with the 2010 Governor's Conference on Economic Development. Further details, including actual meeting date and location information, will be determined and announced as the date nears.)

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### **Got a story idea? Want to share news of an upcoming event/training?**



Submit your information, suggestions or comments, for inclusion in next quarter's issue by **February 8, 2010**, to

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#### ***Questions?***

Call our office at (573) 526-8229.

We also welcome your ideas for improvement on this and future newsletter submissions.

## ***Thank you!***

All information was either provided directly to us or from other department websites. If some of the links are inactive, please copy/paste to your browser to access or contact us for assistance.

#### ***Special thanks***

to everyone submitting information for our second edition e-News Update.



### ***About MoWIB.....***

**The Missouri Workforce Investment Board (MoWIB)** sets workforce policy for Missouri's local workforce areas and strengthens ties among state workforce, education and economic development agencies. It advises Missouri's workforce partners in implementing innovative strategies to ensure a prepared workforce for the new economy.

Formerly the Missouri Training and Employment Council, MoWIB is currently a 42-member board, a majority of which represents high level management representatives from Missouri's most progressive and successful companies. The Board meets quarterly and engages the Directors and Commissioners of six state agencies to meet the objective of strengthening Missouri's workforce system.